Saint Paul's Parish

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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant ~ The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung Chul Lee

Question of the Day: *"Have you ever felt that someone got something they didn't deserve, while you had to work hard for what you received? What was your reaction?"*

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

Saint Paul's Staff

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee
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Prelude "Blessed Assurance" Sarah Douglas

All stand as able

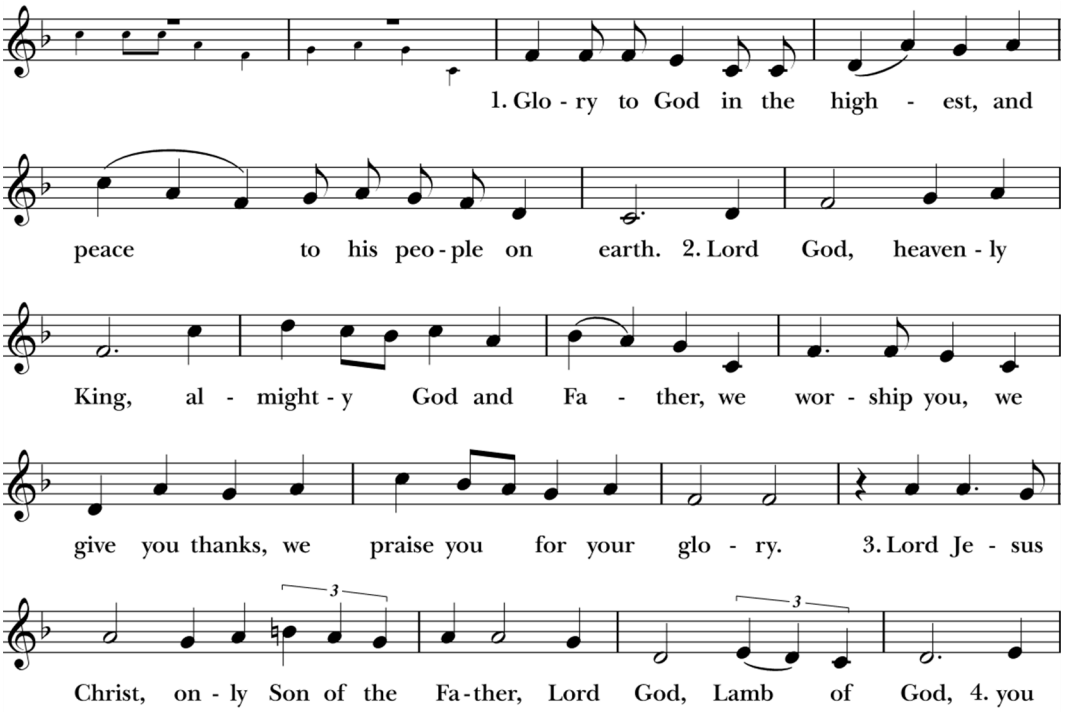
Opening Hymn "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" Hymnal 436

The Word of the Lord

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *(Please stand as able)* "Glory to God" Hymnal S-280





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17–20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,

and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,

and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The Epistle **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response "Awake, awake to love and work!"

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
The fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929); Music: *Morning Song*, att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response "Awake, awake to love and work!"

To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

The Sermon **The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee**

Presentation of Covenant Cards at the Altar

Covenant Song "Take my life, and let it be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Words by Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879); Tune: HOLLINGSIDE (John Bacchus Dykes, 1823-1876)

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may be your faithful witnesses, and that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Brenda Miller, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We remember before God all who are in any need and who cry out for the presence of God...

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: These and whatsoever other things you would have us ask of you, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn "Jerusalem, my happy home" Hymnal 620

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

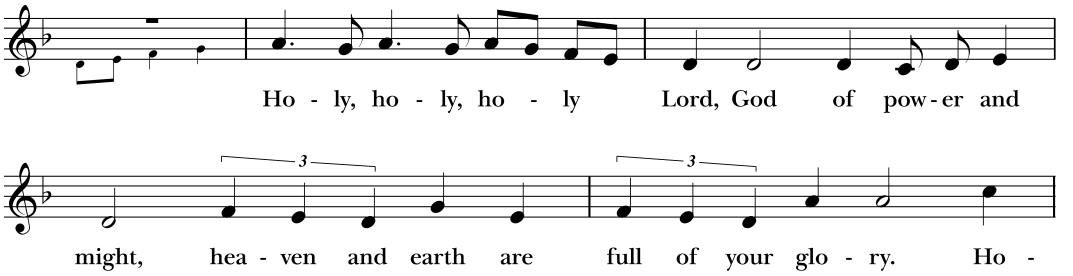
Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

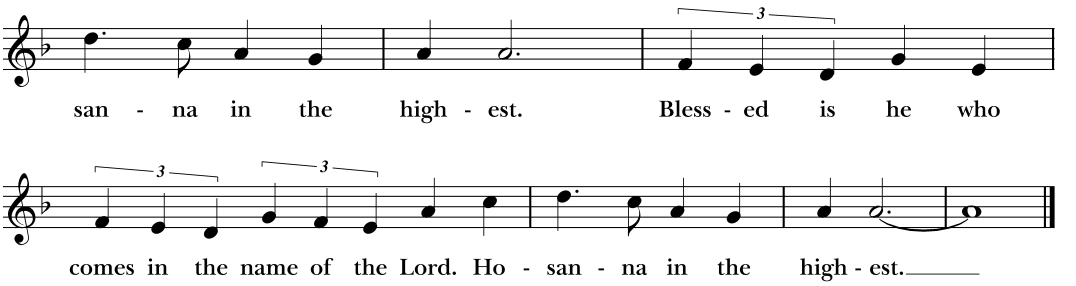
People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: For you are a generous God, full of grace. You call each of us as laborers in your vineyard and give to all the full measure of reward gained for us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus Hymnal S-129





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You may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

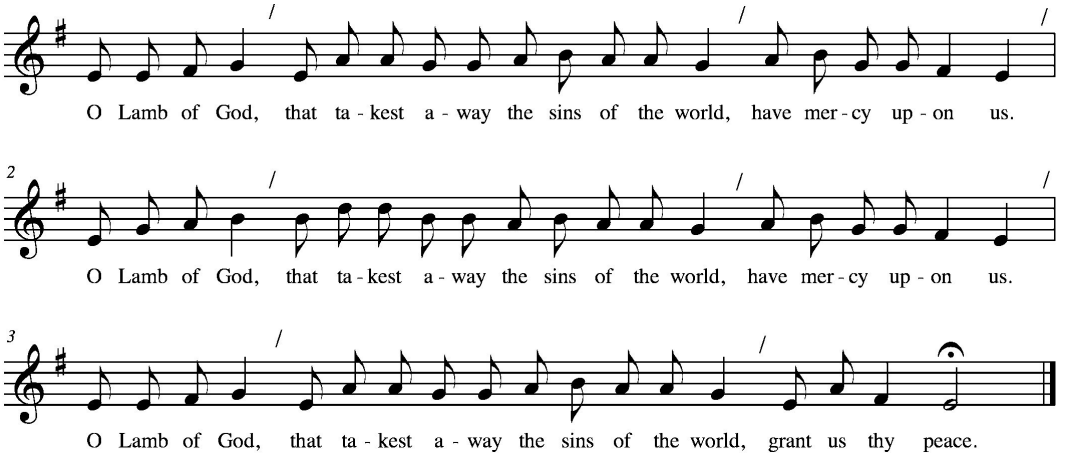
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*



The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Hymn "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" Hymnal 324

Communion Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" Hymnal 383

Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Lord Jesus, you have nourished us with your life. Keep us watchful in faith, steadfast in hope, and burning with love, until we enter the joy of your kingdom; for you live and reign forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go out in the strength of God's gracious gifts. Live lives worthy of the gospel of Christ. Stand firm in one spirit. Strive with one mind for the faith of the gospel. **Amen.**

And may the power and the presence of God go with you.
May the Call of Christ lead you into fruitful labor.
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with the joy of grace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn "Jesus came, adored by angels"

Jesus came, adored by angels, came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for our redemption, lowly came on earth to die:
Alleluia, alleluia! Came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy, when our hearts are bowed with care:
Jesus comes again in answer to our earnest heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia, alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, bringing news of sins forgiven:
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, leading souls redeemed to heaven;
Alleluia, alleluia! Now the gate of death is riven.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant, when the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory; let us then our homage pay;
Alleluia, alleluia! Till the dawn of endless day.

Words: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903); Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Dismissal

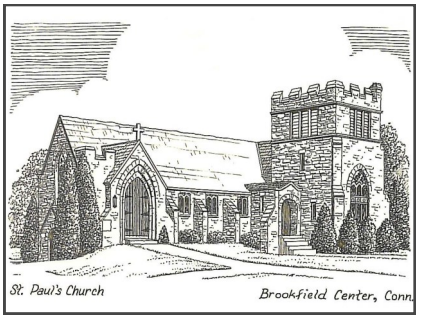
Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"
Johann Gottfried Walther

The altar flowers today are given by Jim Miller
in memory of Brenda Miller.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the 2026 Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to dszen@yahoo.com or contact the parish office.



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Hudson River Walk - Join us this afternoon for a special parish "Walk across the Hudson" on the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge between Poughkeepsie & Highland, New York. The walkway is 1.28 miles long (2.56 miles round trip) and offers spectacular views. After our walk, we'll stop at a local restaurant for some refreshment. We'll meet in our parking lot at 1 pm to carpool.

Thanksgiving Gift Cards - Brookfield Human (formerly Social) Services is once again asking for assistance this Thanksgiving. There are 85 families and 1060 individuals who rely on our local Human Services to meet their nutritional needs. We have decided to donate gift cards from local food stores - ShopRite, BIG Y, and others. This facilitates our and the Services handling. So....Cards (one or more) in the amount of $25.00 can be placed in a special "BOX" in the back of the sanctuary. You may find it even more convenient to write a check to St Paul's and note "Thanksgiving gift cards" in the memo line. The mission committee will then purchase $25 cards in bulk. Cards or checks are requested by Wednesday, November 18th. Thank you, and bless you for your generous spirit toward those in need. If you have questions - reach out to Mary or Chris Heffernan - emheff4858@aol.com.

Coats & Socks Drive - During the winter months we collect used coats and new socks (preferably white) to benefit the various agencies in Danbury supported by the Jericho Partnership. Leave the coats on the rack and socks in the basket in the back of the church.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, November 11th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 172nd food drive since we started in April 2020!

Day of Service - Next Sunday afternoon from 1-3 pm we'll visit our friends at the Catherine Violet Hubbard Sanctuary in Newtown. At the sanctuary, we will be making cat and dog toys to be distributed with the Senior Paw Project, which helps low-income older adults on fixed incomes keep and care for their beloved dogs and cats, preventing the need to surrender pets due to financial hardship. We will provide lunch, and we are welcome to walk around the sanctuary afterward (weather permitting). All youth, families, and parishioners are welcome top participate! See Mary Perry for more details and to sign up!

UPCOMING:

Advent Adult Class - Beginning next Sunday, Nov. 8, join us for a special Advent Christian formation series featuring Adam Hamilton's inspiring video series, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. The Adult Class meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in Crocker Hall.

Lessons and Carols: *Save the Date!* - Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 pm. Please plan to attend this beautiful Advent service which consists of Scripture readings about the birth of Jesus interspersed with the singing of traditional carols led by our choir. **If you like to sing, you are welcome to join our special choir for this service.** Rehearsals are on the following three Mondays from 7-9 pm: Nov 23 & 30, Dec 7 and Thursday, Dec 10. No previous participation in the music ministry required! Please contact Kirsten Peterson for more details and to sign up: kirpeterson@comcast.net.

UPCOMING:

Sun, Nov 15, 1:00 pm - Youth & Parish Service Day, CVH Animal Sanctuary, Newtown
Sun, Nov 22, 3:00 pm - Brookfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's
Wed, Nov 25, 10:00 am - Thanksgiving Service & Luncheon
Sun, Dec 13, 10:30 am - Youth Christmas Pageant
Sun, Dec 13, 5:00 pm - Service of Lessons & Carols

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes and the confirmation class meet at 9:45 am. Children will return to their parents or guardians during the service.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.





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Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.**)**

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com

Sun., Nov 8	8:00 am	- **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am	- **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	1:00 pm	- Walk over the Hudson, Poughkeepsie
Mon., Nov 9	7:00 pm	- Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am	- Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Nov 10	9:30 am	- Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Nov 11	10:00 am	- **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
	11 - Noon	- Drive Through Food Collection
	12:00 pm	- Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
	7:00 pm	- Women's Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	- Vestry Meeting, Guild Room
Thu., Nov 12	9:30 am	- Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Nov 13	9:00 am	- St. Paul's Walking Group, Saugatuck Falls, Redding
	10:00 am	- Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Nov 14	7:30 am	- John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	10:00 am	- PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
Sun., Nov 15	8:00 am	- Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am	- Adult Ed series, *"The Walk"*, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am	- Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	1:00 pm	- Youth/Parish Service Day, CVH Sanctuary, Newtown

Next Sunday - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for November 15th

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 - Psalm 90:1-12 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:1-13